

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2848

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2010

RE: S.C.R. No. 109
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 109 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF WHETHER THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to perform a study of whether the Hawaii State Public Library System should be transferred from administration by the Board of Education to another state agency.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one individual. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by one state agency. Comments were submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

In light of important differences between the missions and service populations of the Board of Education (and the Department of Education) and the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), and given the Department of Education's budgetary challenges, questions have been raised about whether the HSPLS would be more appropriately administered by another state agency. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) already performs certain critical functions and services for the HSPLS, and your Committee finds that transferring the remainder of the



administrative responsibilities of operating the HSPLS to DAGS would be prudent at this time.

Your Committee also finds that requiring the State Auditor to perform a study on whether the administrative duties of operating the HSPLS should be transferred to another agency would be time consuming and unnecessary. Rather, requesting the HSPLS and DAGS to develop a plan for the proposed transfer of the HSPLS from administration by the Board of Education to DAGS would allow the Legislature to review the plan and take appropriate action in a timely manner.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the language that requests the Auditor to perform a study of whether the HSPLS should be transferred from administration by the Board of Education to another agency;
- (2) Adding language that requests the HSPLS and DAGS to develop a transition plan for the proposed transfer of the HSPLS to the administration of DAGS;
- (3) Amending its title to reflect the amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 109, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 109, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Housing,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



